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HARNESS



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Examiner :

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-48649, to Takahiro SAITO, published on  
February 18, 2000;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-114746, to Hiroshi WATANABE, published  
on April 21, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 5,536,904 to Kenji KOJIMA et al., issued July 16, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,635,678 to Jun YASUKUNI, issued June 3, 1997; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,641,942 to Minoru IRIYAMA et al., issued June 24, 1997.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all of the above materials  
and cite the U.S. and Japanese patent documents. Copies of the U.S. Patents and

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Japanese documents, along with English language abstracts of the Japanese documents, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 Form and to return the form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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